की मात्रा नियत करना आदि शामिल है. की जिम्मेदारी राज्य सरकार की है।

(ग) सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली के जरिए वितरण के लिए देशीय खाद्य तेलों की अभिप्राप्ति करने का सरकार के सामने कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है। खाद्य तेल की मांग व आपूर्ति की स्थिति पर राष्ट्रीय स्तर पर विचार किया जाता है और यदि इन दोनों के बीच कोई अंतर हो तो उसकी पूर्ति यथा-संभव सीमा तक आयात करके की जाती है।

IMPORT OF EDIBLE OIL

2284. SHRI G. G. SWELL ; Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fart that Goven-ment have decided to import 30,000 ons of edible oil at a cost of Rs. 43 crores ; and

(b) how does Government justify this when it is known that the National Dairy Development Board was holding *a* stock-pile of 1.27 lakh teanes ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRiBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (b) In order to keep the prices of edible oils uadercheck,. the Government has importec 30,000 MTs. at a price of about Rs. 37 crorss and 12.000 M.Ts, at a price of about Rs. 14 crores. These imports were intended to supplement the availability, of edible oils in the country around the festival sevan when the de-mand' for edible oils, was modh higher. When the decision import the first con-signment of 30,000 MTs. of edible *oil* was takan in early September, 1993, National Dairy Development Bcard did not have a stock' of 1.27 lakh tonnes of edible oils

DETAILS OF WOMEN CO-OPERATIVES ENGAGED AS TRADERS AND SUPPLIERS FOR SUPER BAZAR

I 2285. SHRI DIUP SIINGH JUDEV : Will the Minister of GIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) the number of women co-operatives and Widow Welfare Associations which are registered with Super Bazar as suppliers and trading agents ;

(b) whether there is any provision to give priority to these Associations to sup-ply poducts arid' eneoulrage them to create self-income sources

(c) if so, the details thereof; and (d) if not. the reason's therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUWER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DtSTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Super Bazar *h*as informed that Four Women. Cu-operutive societies are registered. No W'idow Welfare Association is, howevsr, regisered with ttrem-

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Super Bazar has reported that they • display their prodicts properly,, give them repeat orders quickly before their stocks get exhausted and advise them to fix compai-tive prices. Priority is also given in le-Icasing their payments.

(d) Does not arise.

ALDOCATION OF ADtWTTONAI. QUOTA OP PALMOLEfN TO SAURASHTA .

2286, SHRI CHMANBAI HARI-BHAI SHUXCA : Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER. AFFAIRS AND *PUBLIC* DISTRIBU-TION be pleased to state :

(a) Whether. there is any proposal to allocate additional unora of

Sauxashtra region against its demana through Public Distribution System ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the action taken by Government so far in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMAIUDDIN AHMED) : (a) to (c) While the Central Government allocates palmolein to the States/UTs, further sub-allocation of the same whether district-wise|region-W!se is the responsibility of the respective State Government and UT Administration. As such, allocation of palmolein to Saurashtra region entirely rests with the Government of Gujarat. Central Government has already allocated palmolein to Gujarat State for October, 93 and December 93, Bhandar

MINIMUM WAGES FOR SKILLED AND UNSKILLED WORKERS OF SUPER BAZAR AND KENDRIYA BHANDAR

2287. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to stale :

(a) whether Government have announced minimum wages for the skilled and unskilled workers of Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar ;

(b) if so, the detals Is thereof ;

(c) whether the Management of Super Bazar and Kendnya Bhandar have opposed the rates of minimum wages ;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(e) the measures taiken/proposed to be taken to protect the interest of the workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER *AFFAIRS* AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) and (bl Super Bazar and Kendriya Bhandar have reported that the wags structure as notified from time to time by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi is being followed by them.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Dots no; arise.

DUTY BENEFIT TO THE CONSUMERS

2288. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI: SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that several manufacturers of consumers goods have failed to pass on the benefits of duty exemption to consumers ;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any study to see that which of the manufacturers have failed to do so and the details thereof ;

(c) the steps so far being taken to ensure that the benefits are passed on to the consumers ; and

(d) the names of companies against whom action has been taken so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AH-.MED) : (a) to (c) In a meeting taken by the Miinster, Civil Supplies, the Industries Representatives claimed that they have passed on excise benefit to the Consumers while Representative of consumers Organisations disputed that claim. As this Ministry does not have any mechanism to check the claim of the Industry, the BICP was requested to make a study on 10 commonly used consumer articles to see whether the duty . concessions announced by the Government have been passed on fo the consumers or not. The BICP has